

City of Newport Beach, CA

## City Manager's Newsletter

**TO:** Mayor Hill & Council Members

FROM: Dave Kiff, City Manager

**DATE:** August 8, 2014

Please enjoy the attached newsletters...



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Kimberly Brandt, Community Development Director

Subject: City Manager's Newsletter

Date: August 8, 2014

#### Permit Center

During the month of July, the Permit Center assisted an average of 143 customers per day, a 16 percent decrease from an average of 170 customers experienced in June.

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Avg. Daily Customers	143					
Percent Change from June	15.9 %					
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July: 3,155 customers over 22 work days

## New Staff Joins Building Division Team

We want to welcome and congratulate two new members to the Building Division team:



Kenneth Huang

Congratulations to Kenneth Huang for successfully completing a very intensive recruitment process to fill a vacant and much needed Senior Civil Engineer position. Kenneth is a full time employee and will be providing plan check engineer review services. He comes from the City of Long Beach and has over 15 years of experience in providing great

customer service. Kenneth resides in Irvine with his

wife and two kids who are 2 and 4 years old.

Welcome to Nellie Montejano who will help us as our new contract Permit Specialist issuing permits at the Permit Center. Nellie, who previously worked as a student aide in the Building Division, is very

familiar with our City. She recently worked for a private firm handling entitlement and permit processing. Nellie has great experience being on the "other side of the counter" and we look forward to her helping us serve our applicants.



Nellie Montejano

## **Construction Site Progress**



The excavation and temporary shoring was recently completed at the new parking structure under construction at 888 San Clemente Drive in Newport Center.



Concrete was recently poured in the bottom floor of the garage in the parking structure under construction at 555 San Nicolas Drive also in Newport Center.

## Student Aide Leaving

The Community Development Department will say goodbye on Friday, August 8 to Student Aide Hugo Robles. Hugo is leaving the City to take a full time position with California State University Long Beach. Hugo has an art degree and is currently enrolled in the teaching credential program at CSULB. The department will miss Hugo's intelligence, thoroughness, calm demeanor, and ability to find plans.



Frankie Rose Whelan

## Congratulations to the Whelan Family

Belated congratulations to Assistant Planner Melinda Whelan. Little Frankie Rose Whelan was born on July 11, 2014. Mother and child are doing fine. We all hope that Frankie Rose pays us a visit <u>before</u> her mommy returns from parental leave in October!



## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

#### **ACCOUNTING • FINANCE & TREASURY • OMB • REVENUE**

August 8, 2014

**TO:** DAVE KIFF, CITY MANAGER

**FROM:** Steve Montano, Acting Finance Director

**SUBJECT:** CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

#### TAMMIE HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

On Thursday August 7<sup>th</sup>, after 21 years with the city, we bid farewell to Tammie Frederickson as she walked down the path to retirement. It wasn't easy for us, we kicked and screamed trying to get her to stay, but her precious granddaughter won out with her smile. Tammie was an exceptional asset to not only the Finance department but so many other departments and the city overall. It will be hard to fill her shoes. Tammie knew everyone and everything. She held positions within the Fire Department, City Manager's office, and of course we would say the most important, Finance. In addition to that, Tammie held titles in Zumba, Yoga, Power Walking and any healthy activity the city had to offer. Tammie could do it all. Who knows, they may need to do a recruitment to fill all those spots as well. Tammie's positive attitude, great laugh and friendly smile will be greatly missed. We wish her well and know that she will truly enjoy her days ahead.

## **ENCUMBRANCE ROLL**

We passed another milestone in the fiscal year closing process this week. All current, valid encumbrances were rolled forward from Fiscal Year 2013-14 to Fiscal Year 2014-15. The total amount rolled was \$38,029,704. Budget credit for the encumbrances was also posted in the current year, as long as sufficient funds were available at the end of the prior year. If anyone has any questions, please contact Senior Budget Analyst Shannon Espinoza at 949.644.3021.

#### WATER BILLING

Los Angeles recently experienced a water main break, resulting in a loss of 20,000,000 gallons. To put that into perspective, the entire City of Newport Beach averaged 9,380,007 gallons per day last month.

On Tuesday July 15<sup>th</sup> the State Water Board approved an emergency regulation to ensure that agencies and state residents increase water conservation. The new conservation regulation is intended to reduce outdoor urban water use. With this regulation, all Californians will be expected to stop: washing down driveways and sidewalks; watering of outdoor landscapes that cause excess runoff; using a hose to wash a motor vehicle, unless the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle, and using potable water in a fountain or decorative water feature, unless the water is re-circulated. Governor Brown has called on all Californians to reduce their water use by 20 percent and prevent water waste. Please do your share and conserve water whenever possible.

## **PET LICENSES**

The City Dog License service contractor, PetData, provided us with the 2013 annual licensing activity report from earlier this year. The total of new and renewed licenses for 2013 is 5,359, which is a lot of dog loving households. Fortunately, most dogs in Newport Beach have been neutered or spayed which demonstrates a great group of responsible dog owners within our city. PetData also provided us the top 5 dog names, from all of the jurisdictions they service across the country. They also included the top 20 names of Newport Beach's furry residents.

Did your dog's name make the list of most popular for 2013?

## THE TOP FIVE NATIONALLY:

#1	BELLA
#2	MAX
#3	BUDDY
#4	LUCY
#5	MOLLY





## THE TOP 20 IN NEWPORT BEACH:

#1	CHARLIE	#6	COCO	#11	LOLA	#16	DAISY
#2	BELLA	#7	ROXY	#12	BAILEY	#17	SOPHIE
#3	LUCY	#8	MAGGIE	#13	GINGER	#18	ROCKY
#4	BUDDY	#9	GRACIE	#14	OLIVER	#19	CHLOE
#5	MOLLY	#10	MAX	#15	COOPER	#20	BENTLEY



## eSAIL Business Process Consulting Sessions Update

Over the summer, the Finance department and representatives from other departments will be participating in Tyler-led Business Processing Consulting (BPC) sessions in anticipation of the financials ERP Phase I go live date set for July 2015. The purpose of this analysis is to identify current policy, procedure and practice by separating the whole business process into its component parts; identify stakeholders, internal and external influences; establish lines of communication; identify risks; and to define and agree upon the intended outcome when implementing these modules.

The first BPC sessions occurred on July 15-17 to review the City's budgeting process and on July 22-24 to review the accounting general ledger. This past week, the Finance Department along with representatives from other departments met August 1-4 to review the Projects/Grant Accounting module. This module will allow the City to track multi-year budgets, expenditures and revenues for user-defined projects such as capital improvements, special programs, and developer deposits. Users can record project detail in the General Fund as well as all other funds such as special revenue, grants and more. We will be able to create



separate grants and track the entire grant process. This module is fully integrated to all Munis posting programs, so that any detailed Purchasing, Payables, Payroll, or Cash Receipts transactions can be posted to projects as well as to General Ledger accounts. A schedule of all future BPC sessions can be viewed from the <u>SharePoint home page</u>.



# Newport Beach Fire Department Office of the Fire Chief

DATE: August 8, 2014

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Scott Poster, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

It has been almost a month since the Ben Carlson memorial. I am still impressed with how well the city came together to organize not just one very classy event, but two very memorable tributes to Ben. In retrospect, planning the event as an EOC type activation worked very well. It distributed the workload and put the right faces in the right places.

The short time frames, the logistical challenges, and the amount of work that had to be accomplished could have created the perfect storm. However, everyone from management to part-timers and volunteers "hunkered" down and got the job done. When I attended the first planning meeting it was made very clear that the objective was to give Ben a proper send off. I witnessed the achievement of this objective at both the paddle out and the Celebration of Life on the beach. I had countless people approach me and comment on how special these events were.

It would have been impossible to pull these memorials off with the degree of success that we achieved without the help of the City departments. I would like to thank everyone throughout the City who helped make Ben's memorial such a success—THANK YOU!

## LIFE SAFETY SERVICES

## **Orange County Fire Prevention Officers**

On July 30, the Orange County Fire Prevention Officers were provided training on Solar Safety (Photovoltaic Systems). Life Safety Services attended the presentation, which included valuable information regarding the components of a solar system and electrical safety during inspections and emergency response. The three major



components are panels, the inverter, and racking. These items were available in class as the instructor demonstrated their function. An educational trailer was on hand outside for those interested in examining various types of systems, such as grid-tied and off grid (battery), and the setup for each type of system.

## **CERT**

## Corona Del Mar Resident's Association Disaster Preparedness Workshop

On July 30, the Newport Beach Fire Department CERT program, in conjunction with the Corona Del Mar Resident's Association, hosted a Disaster Preparedness Workshop at the Oasis Senior Center for Corona Del Mar Residents. Over 40 residents attended the 1½ hour workshop. The workshop covered some of the basic threats to Newport Beach, what the City of Newport Beach is doing to prepare for these threats and what residents can do to prepare for unexpected disasters. The workshop concluded with an open discussion lead by Corona Del Mar CERT volunteers entitled, "Every Step Counts" in which all participants (in small groups) were able to discuss some small steps they can take to better prepare themselves.

## 31<sup>st</sup> Annual National Night Out

On August 5, Newport Beach CERT participated in the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual National Night Out event hosted by the Newport Beach Police Department at Bonita Canyon Sports Park. CERT set up an informational booth to promote personal disaster preparedness.

## MARINE OPERATIONS

This July, Newport Beach has had warm weather and water temperatures. The weather has averaged in the high 60's.

- 1476 Rescues
- 70,444 Preventative Actions
- 1,850 Medical Aides (100 were treated for sting ray stings)
- 2,089,500 Beach Visitors

## **Notable Events**

On July 12, 2014, the annual Pier to Pier swim competition was held. This year, we had one of the biggest turn outs – 347 swimmers braved the rough waters and the newly created "sand bar" at the Newport Pier and finished the competition.

On July 25, 2014, the Junior Guard Regional Competition was held in Huntington Beach. There were over 1,500 competitors who participated in a series of distance runs, swimming, paddle and relays. Newport Junior Lifeguards had 60 who participated. There were also eight Seasonal Lifeguards who competed, placing in the top 5 in many of the events. Seasonal Lifeguard Hayden Hemmens placed first in the Surf-Swim competition. Several of our Newport Junior Lifeguards also placed very well. Matthew Glessing placed first in Beach Flags; Georgia Salvino placed first in the Run-Swim-Run; and the 12-13 year old girls placed first in the Run-Relay.

On July 31, 2014, the Junior Lifeguard Monster Mile



was held. Participants competed in a one mile run on the sand, and a one mile ocean swim that starts and ends at the Junior Lifeguard

including the instructors, got dressed up for this fun event.

This year the theme was "American Heroes." This year, the event kicked off with ten United States Marines from 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Foundation leading the Pledge of Allegiance and actually high-fiving every Junior Lifeguard. All Junior Lifeguards



Headquarters off of "A" Street. Many of the participants,



dressed as their favorite superhero and there were many who honored Ben Carlson.



July 31, 2014 the Heartfelt Project was held at Lifeguard Headquarters. This project administered over 100 cardiac screenings on children ages 5 and up. This screening is one of the best tools for the detection of sudden cardiac death in youths.

Pictured from left to right: Newport Beach Seasonal Lifeguard Dan Moody; Screen Coordinator Jackie Marsh; Newport Beach Lifeguard Captain

Brian O'Rourke; and Founder of Heartfelt Cardiac Project Holly Morrell



## **Future Events**

The CERT program is hosting the 6th Annual Disaster Preparedness Expo on Saturday, September 13, from 10:00am-2:00pm at the Newport Beach Central Library.

The Fire Department has three fall 2014 CERT programs that are scheduled to begin late September.



## **HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

## CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

DATE: August 8, 2014

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Terri L. Cassidy, J.D., Deputy City Manager/HR Director

SUBJECT: News and Updates from Human Resources

## BENEFITS INFORMATION COMMITTEE: MEETING SUMMARY

The Benefits Information Committee (BIC), which consists of Association Representatives and Human Resources staff members, met to review 2015 plan year renewals on July 22. AON, the City's benefits broker, presented detailed information on health benefit plan rates and program changes. Jill Camille Ortiz, HR Specialist, provided a brief update on changes within the City's deferred compensation 457 plan and Leslie Campbell, Human Resources Specialist, offered information regarding Open Enrollment, the annual Health Fair and HEAL fitness classes. Employees with questions on Open Enrollment, health insurance and deferred compensation are encouraged to contact Human Resources at 949-644-3300.

#### **NEW CSB CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015**

Civil Service Board members elected Hugh Logan to serve as 2014-2015 Chairperson and Debra Allen as the Vice Chairperson for 2014-2015 on July 7. Logan was initially appointed in 2007 as the Civil Service Board's nominee and re-appointed for his second four-year term in 2011. Allen's first Board appointment was in 2008 as the Fire/Police Department Employees' nominee. She was re-appointed to her second four-year term in 2012. This recent appointment is the second time the pair has served together in these roles. Congratulations!

#### CALPERS ANNOUNCES NEW TOOL FOR PPO SUBSCRIBERS

The California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) announced the availability of CalPERS | Compare, a comprehensive health information tool. Now all Anthem Blue Cross Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) members under the PERS Select, PERS Choice, and PERSCare plans can shop online for their prescriptions and medical services with ease.

CalPERS | Compare enables Basic PPO members to shop for doctors, hospitals, medical services, and prescriptions. Enrollees can compare quality information and prices in order to make informed decisions. Additionally, they can use CalPERS | Compare to track past expenses and view estimated costs of future services. For more information about CalPERS | Compare, visit <a href="https://www.calperscompare.com">www.calperscompare.com</a>.

## **NEW SERIES OF FITNESS CLASSES AVAILABLE TO CITY EMPLOYEES**





The Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Committee recently launched its second series of lunchtime fitness activities to City employees. Employees may participate in a fast paced group that walks the Civic Center grounds on Mondays and Hot Hula Fitness on Thursdays. Both classes assist with weight loss, strengthening muscles, decreasing stress and social interaction with fellow staff members. Each class begins at noon and meets in front of the Community Room at the Civic Center. Employees are encouraged to sign up for sessions by selecting the links included in weekly emails. For questions, please contact Leslie Campbell at extension 3294.

#### SAVE THE DATE: OPEN ENROLLMENT AND HEALTH FAIR

Open Enrollment for 2015 benefits is from September 15-October 10. The City's annual Health Fair for employees and retirees will be on Wednesday, October 1 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Friend's Room at the Central Library, located at 1000 Avocado Avenue. Stay tuned for more announcements from Human Resources in the next few weeks.



## LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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#### **Library - Cultural Arts**

August 8, 2014

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Tim Hetherton, Library Services Director

Subject: City Manager's Newsletter

## **Library Services**

## It's a Wrap!

The Summer Reading Program culminated a successful 2014 season with a Wrap Up Reception for adult participants, and four special "live animal" events at the Central Library and Branches for the kids. Wildlife specialists from Pacific Animal Productions brought a variety of animals, including a pygmy hedgehog, Fennec Fox, and baby alligator to the libraries and gave a fascinating presentation on the natural behaviors and characteristics of the animals.

## E-mail Challenge

We are stepping up our efforts to convert customers from snail mail to email for all notifications by challenging staff to register new customers and update existing customers with current email addresses. The contest, which will run between Sunday, August 10 and Friday, October 31, encourages all staff to participate and awarding points for the most referrals.

## Popular Library Redesign

We have begun redesigning the Popular Library with an improved customer service model that will be staffed by members of the circulation, tech pro, adult reference and children's services staff.

## **Fall Schedule of Events**

Staff is working on finalizing details and marketing pieces for a very full schedule of events. Programs planned for September and October include:

- Guest Speaker: Disney Story Artist Brian Kesinger
- Medical Lectures by UC Irvine Health experts
- Beyond the Art lectures on master Impressionists
- Sportswriter and Author Mike Lupica
- Guest Speaker: Agent Leigh Steinberg
- Witte Lecture Speaker: Jonathan Franzen
- Library Live Speaker: James Ellroy

- International Literacy Day
- Sunday Musicales
- Craft Programs
- Tuesdays @ 2 Tech Training Classes
- Talk Like a Pirate Day
- Book Discussion Groups
- Children's Photography classes



## **Cultural Arts Services**

#### Concerts on the Green

The City Arts Commission and City Manager are hosting two more Concerts on the Green this summer.

Southland Sings will perform some of the great songs from American musical theatre on Sunday, August 17 at 6 p.m. The final concert featuring Desperado, a premier Eagles Tribute band, will rock the park on September 7. We expect a big turnout so come early with a picnic dinner to enjoy the full flavor of the Civic Center venue.



## **Sculpture in the Civic Center Park Exhibition**

Installation of the Sculpture at the Civic Center Park Exhibition has begun. Workmen are pouring concrete for slabs and the sculptures will be installed later this month. The Grand Opening will be held on Saturday, September 13, from 2-5 p.m. The event will include walking tours of the Exhibition, art activities coordinated by the Orange County Museum of Art and a presentation in the Community Room at 3 p.m. City IT and the Library are working on a a Walking Tour of the Sculpture Exhibition that will be added to the City's "MyNB" mobile app.



Presented by the Newport Beach City Arts Commission NEWPORT BEACH CIVIC CENTER PARK 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach



August 8, 2014

**TO:** Dave Kiff, City Manager

**FROM:** George Murdoch and Mike Pisani, Co-Directors

SUBJECT: City Manager's Newsletter

## New Landscaping Along Bayside and Harbor Island Drives

Parks Division staff recently coordinated an enhancement to the City planters along Bayside and Harbor Island Drives. The renovation occurred following the Public Works Department Sidewalk, Curb, and Gutter Reconstruction Project. While keeping water conservation in mind, the landscape plan integrated plant varieties that add interest, using varied colors in foliage and flowers. A significant challenge was selecting plants that hold up in the shade cast by the planter's towering Coral Trees. Landscape Maintenance Crew Chief Bob Martinez designed (see below) and coordinated the project from beginning to end. Nice job, Bob!

Before After







## **Cliff Drive Park Renovation Completed!**

Last week, parks maintenance contractor Pinnacle Landscape completed the planting in the renovation of Cliff Drive Park.

Back in December, MOD staff walked the Park with the City Manager and Councilman Petros and discussed what work could be done to spruce up the area. The Park's vegetation was overgrown, woody, and dying in some places. Much of the plant material, such as bougainvillea and acacia, remained from the original development of the park in the early 1970's.

Before





As our contractor began brush clearance in late January, neighboring residents voiced concerns about the work and asked to have a more active role in the project. Staff met numerous times with the resident group, and on March 8th, we held a community walk where neighbors could voice any concerns or suggestions for the design. Following the walk, the concept plan was finalized, and Landscape Architect Harry Kobzeff developed a planting plan utilizing new and attractive "California Friendly" plants and shrubs. In the interim, the irrigation system was renovated, which included adding water-efficient, gear-driven rotary sprinkler heads, installing new lateral lines, and adding irrigation where it previously did not exist.

In May, 27 trees were removed and the remaining trees in the park were pruned. Following this work, 7,000 one- and five-gallon plants and 43 new trees were planted. One small section on the southwest slope adjacent to residences was planted in July, which completed the planting project.

In preparation for the Hootenanny in the Park on September 21<sup>st</sup>, in the next few weeks, MOD staff and contractors will paint stair rails and continue to weed, monitor the irrigation, replace any plant material that does not survive, and overseed bare areas in the turf.

This project was a huge undertaking for Parks Division staff who managed this project in addition to their regular workload. THANK YOUs go to City Manager Dave Kiff and Council Member Tony Petros, as they also were involved throughout the process and supported our staff along the way.

## Santa Ana Heights Horse Trail Maintenance

Recently, the Public Works Department completed a street project in the east Santa Ana Heights area. Included in this project was the installation of new fencing and decomposed granite (DG) for the new and existing horse trails on Mesa Drive and Cypress Street.

MOD has assumed the maintenance of the DG horse trails. Field Maintenance Division staff re-compacted the DG, and in the future will maintain the compaction of the trails to minimize the dust kicked up by horses. This will reduce the amount of material that is deposited on the adjacent hardscape. MOD will utilize a contractor to keep the trails free of weeds and debris and sweep the driveway approaches on a periodic basis.





The residents and riders have been very appreciative of the efforts of the Department in maintaining the trails – for all to enjoy!



## NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

August 8, 2014

**TO:** Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Jay R. Johnson, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

## **National Explorer Conference Recognizes Volunteer Stan Bressler**

On July 14, Volunteer Stan Bressler was presented with the first-ever Lifetime Achievement Award at the National Explorer Conference in Indiana. This is a very prestigious award, and I am grateful to have him working with the Department's Explorer Program.

Stan attended the first National Explorer Conference in 1971. At the Conference in 1973, he was selected as the National Advisor Liaison to the Youth Committee. Stan accompanied the National Youth Committee to meetings in Washington, D.C., Atlanta, New York, and Boston. In 1979, the first-ever National Law Enforcement Conference was held, and Stan was tasked with training Explorer Advisors. Stan is the longest serving Law Enforcement Advisor, and he currently serves as the President of the NBPD Retirees' Association.

Please join me in congratulating Stan for receiving this significant award which acknowledges his many years of service and dedication!



Pictured left to right: Vice President of One West Bank, Bob Thompkins, Volunteer Stan Bressler, and Federal Marshall, Kent Jeffries

## **National Night Out**

On Tuesday, August 5, the Police Department celebrated National Night Out at Bonita Canyon Sports Park, along with members of the Fire Department, Police Explorers, C.E.R.T. Volunteers, and many other members of the Newport Beach Community. National Night Out, which is celebrated nationwide and on military bases around the world, focuses on drug and crime awareness and is an opportunity to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

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The event was well-attended, with about 600 people enjoying the displays and activities. Attendees were able to interact with members of the S.W.A.T. Team, K9 Unit, Motor Officers, Mounted Enforcement Unit, Animal Control, C.S.I., and Volunteers in Policing. ADT, as one of the national sponsors, provided a booth for information along with the Fair Housing Foundation. Games, prizes, crafts, face painting, and balloon animals were available for children, along with visits with McGruff, "The Crime Fighting Dog". Freshly-grilled hotdogs and hamburgers were provided thanks to the Fire Department and their BBQ1 Trailer, as well as a variety of pizza slices donated by Fresh Brothers. Spyglass Hill also hosted their own neighborhood event with approximately 150 attendees.

Thank you to everyone who attended, worked, and contributed to this event!







## **Teen Academy Graduation**

The Graduation Ceremony for the 13<sup>th</sup> Teen Academy was held on Wednesday, August 6. Twenty-one teens completed the seven-week course, which is designed to increase their understanding of the Police Department's operations. Students have the opportunity to interact with a variety of personnel, including Officers in S.W.A.T., K9, and Narcotics.



The teens are also given the opportunity to participate in several hands-on learning experiences. Crime Scene Investigation Officers teach them how to dust for fingerprints, Patrol Officers guide them through a vehicle stop scenario, and Traffic Officers show them how to use a LIDAR gun to check vehicle speed. Additional topics – such as Drinking & Drug Use, Teens & the Law, and Provisional Licenses – are specifically geared towards the teen demographic. This course awards each participant with 25 Community Services hours towards their graduation requirement.

The Department also offers a Citizens' Police Academy for adults twice a year, one in the fall and one in the spring. The next session will be starting on Wednesday, September 24 (click to apply).

I would like to congratulate all of the Teen Academy attendees on their graduation. Throughout the seven weeks that they attended the Teen Academy, these students were active and involved participants who asked thoughtful questions of their training staff. Our Department is pleased to have the opportunity to connect with these teens that are well on their way to becoming engaged members of the Newport Beach Community.

## **Public Works Department**

## City Manager's Newsletter

To: David A. Kiff, City Manager

From: David A. Webb, Public Works Director

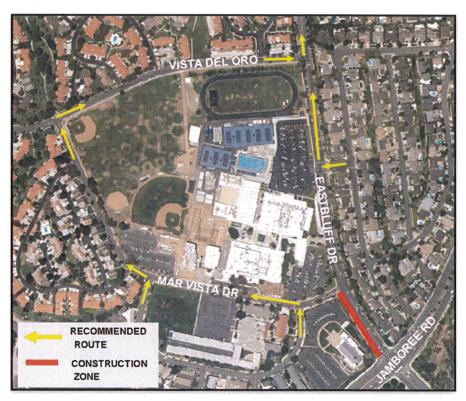
Date: August 8, 2014

## EASTBLUFF DRIVE BIKE LANE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

In our ongoing effort to promote the goal of safe and responsible cycling within the City, Public Works will request to award a construction contract for the Eastbluff Bike Lane Improvement Project at the August 12 City Council meeting. This project will close gaps in the bicycle network on Eastbluff Drive and Ford Road. A new bike lane will be created through roadway widening on Eastbluff Drive from Mar Vista Drive to Jamboree Road. By restriping the existing roadway, the new bike lane will continue on Ford Road to connect with existing bike lanes on Bonita Canyon Road.

In order to try to reduce the construction impact to the Eastbluff Community work will be expedited beginning on Wednesday, August 13 and ending on September 12. During this time, one eastbound (outbound) through lane and the right turn lane will be closed on Eastbluff Drive from Mar Vista Drive to Jamboree Road.

If possible, the community should avoid travelling through the construction area by use of Eastbluff Drive North to access Jamboree road at the Eastbluff Drive-University Avenue intersection.



## SAN MIGUEL PARK GETS A BRAND NEW RESTROOM FACILITY

After a nearly 1,000-mile road trip from its assembly plant in Aumsville-Oregon, the much anticipated 60,000-pound restroom facility arrived at San Miguel Park on August 1! Due to the weight of the structure, the building was delivered in two pieces. The crew then systematically lifted the structures off the trucks and slid them between park trees before



setting them down on the prepared building pad. Thanks to the skilled crane operator, not a single branch was damaged during the installation operation!

Also included in this park project was the installation of a new bottle filler, shade structures, picnic benches, and barbeque grills on a new colored concrete pavement. The parking lot will also receive a makeover with a new seal coating and painted striping, markings, and curbs.





## **NEW ADDITIONS TO BRISTOL STREET**

The Bristol Street Landscaping Project completed in May 2014, focused on the Santa Ana Heights Citizen Advisory Panel (CAP) and Neighborhood Revitalization Committee's vision to introduce beautification elements to the area. Landscape improvements were added along the existing southerly Bristol Street frontage parkway between Jamboree Road and Irvine Avenue. Given the plentiful sunshine this segment of roadway receives, the landscaping is establishing well and now provides a nice array of color to what was once just a dirt shoulder.

A new addition is the "woodcrete" railings installed between the existing stone pilasters which further enhance this equestrian area. These railings and pilasters now tie in perfectly with the architectural elements of Santa Ana Heights giving a unique design identity to this neighborhood.





Public Works Fun Fact:

The City currently has approximately 90 miles of bicycle facilities including bike routes, lanes and trails!

# RECREATION & SENIOR SERVICES

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director

Date: August 8, 2014





## **OASIS Fitness Center Survey Results**

The results are in, and the OASIS Fitness Center Personal Training program is a hit! In July, a satisfaction survey was sent out to Fitness Center members who utilize the Personal Trainers. A total of 62 respondents participated with 98% indicating they were either satisfied or very satisfied with their personal training experience at the Fitness Center. The OASIS contracts with 7 personal trainers who provide one-on-one training to the members. In 2013/14 fiscal year, we averaged 497 training sessions per month. This valuable service to the OASIS gym members is utilized by a wide range of abilities, from very active to somewhat frail clients.

## New Health and Wellness Program forming at OASIS

The OASIS center is about to test a group drumming class with the members. The class will be led by Lee Kix who is certified to lead drum circles. As seen in CNN Headline News, Prevention Magazine and the Wall Street Journal, group drumming is a research-based life enhancement tool. The class is recognized as having many benefits from music making to health benefits such as boosting the immune system, improving mood states, reducing stress and improving creativity and bonding. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, August 20 at 10:30am. The response has been positive and the program already has 20 RSVP's..



## **Summer in Full Swing**



Summer camps kicked off the week of June 23 and the City has been a flurry of fun activities since. Leading the race in popularity was a new camp just added called the Hunger Games Camp. The camp is inspired by the popular book and movie series, while excluding the violence. Campers became tributes and participated in daily challenges, shelter making, and teamwork. The week culminated with archery lessons teaching campers how to properly and safely handle bows and arrows.

Over at the Newport Coast Community Center, 27 exciting camps have already run their course. Campers have been engaged in various activities ranging from Video Game Design to Skateboarding to Fairy Tale Princess Camps. Make sure to visit <a href="www.campnewport.com">www.campnewport.com</a> and check out camps that are still available for the end of summer.

Newport Harbor and Corona del Mar High School pools haven't been left behind with both offering swim lessons for all levels and private lessons. Since no summer is complete without a fun day out at the pool, recreational swim is available for the whole family to have fun. Special events such as Splash Bash were also held allowing for kids to enjoy maneuvering across the inflatable and receive lunch for only \$5. For more information on Splash Bash, swim lessons or camps still available this summer call the Recreation & Senior Services Department front desk at 949-644-3151.

## **OASIS Summer Concert Series**

On July 19, the first of two concerts were held at the OASIS courtyard. These fun "baby boomer" events have become quite popular. A Rod Stewart cover band was featured this month with 250 guests enjoying the nice summer evening. People brought their beach chairs and blankets and were given a box dinner which was included in the price of admission. Beer and wine is sold by the Friends of OASIS volunteers. There was lots of dancing and singing in the crowd. The next concert will be on September 20 and will be featuring Creedence Clearwater Revival cover band. Cost is \$10 and tickets are now on sale.

## The 4<sup>TH</sup> Annual OASIS Talent Showcase

OASIS is again hosting many talented seniors by showcasing their talents. This event attracts the attention of about 300 people each year. The event will be held on Wednesday, August 20 at 2:00pm. It is free of charge.



## **Community Service Award**

At the PB&R Commission meeting on August 5, 2014, Chair Tom Anderson presented the Community Service Award to Karen Tringali for her many contributions to the community and for improving the quality of life in Newport Beach.

Karen has been the chair of the Corona del Mar Residents' Association for six years and has dedicated a tremendous amount of time to ensure the meetings are organized, productive and informative. Karen, who works with various neighborhood HOA committees and volunteers at the Corona del Mar 5k, has also served as a board member for the Newport Beach Fire Department Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). With Karen's help. Newport CERT attained the

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## Something to Ponder

award.

"Turn your face to the sun and shadows fall behind you."

-Charlotte Whitton

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Friday, August 8 Noon-3:00pm Splash Bash Newport Harbor Pool - 600 Irvine Ave

Saturday, August 9 1:00-3:00pm Marine Protected Area Hike Meets at Little Corona Lifeguard Tower - Free

Sunday, August 10 6:00-8:00pm Buck Gully Reserve Loop Hike (Registration required) Meets at OASIS - 5<sup>th</sup> & Marguerite Parking Lot - Free

Sunday, August 17 6:00-7:30pm Concerts on the Green "Southland Sings Musical Theater" Civic Green ~ 100 Civic Center Drive ~ Free

Wednesday, August 20 2:00pm OASIS Talent Showcase
OASIS - 801 Narcissus Ave - Free

Saturday, September 13 9:00am-2:00pm OASIS Senior Resource Expo & "Taste at OASIS" OASIS - 801 Narcissus Ave - Expo Free - Taste \$5

Sunday, September 21 11:30am-2:00pm Hootenanny in the Heights Cliff Drive Park - 301 Riverside Ave - Free

Saturday, October 11 10:00am-4:00pm Art in the Park 2014 Civic Green ~ 100 Civic Center Drive ~ Free



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